



EcoTober
Oct. 2/noon-4pm
Centaurus
High School, 10300
South Boulder Rd.

EcoTober celebration on Oct. 2

Join the City as we host the regional EcoTober event to support healthy, resilient, and sustainable Boulder County communities. Over 40 exhibitors, a performance by Jeff and Paige, hands-on workshops, a costume exchange, interactive

activities, food trucks, and much more will be featured to provide a fun, educational, family-friendly event. Join us to learn how to support more sustainable lifestyles in Boulder County. View details and register for workshops at lafayetteco.gov/EcoTober.

Water for Our Future

Thank you to water customers who have been following restrictions and making efforts to conserve this precious resource. You've made a difference!

Consider shutting off automated

sprinkler systems in early October before cold weather sets in allowing your lawn to transition into dormancy and require minimal water. The shorter days and cooler nights help

keep soil in yards cool and moist and reduce the need to irrigate. Watering lawns every other week with about a half-inch of water until the first freeze is typically sufficient. Trees and shrubs can continue to be hand watered as needed. Learn more at lafayetteco.gov/WaterConservation.

A graphic titled 'Water for Our Future' with a large faucet on the left. The text 'Outdoor Irrigation Restrictions / Restricciones de riego al aire libre' is below the title. It includes a QR code and the City of Lafayette logo.

Water for Our Future
Agua para nuestro futuro

Current drought trends, a changing climate, and residential irrigation demands have led to concerns about our region's water supply. In Lafayette, elevated levels of outdoor irrigation began a month early and have continued to escalate over the summer months.

The City is thankful for all water customers who have stepped up to conserve and reduce, but more effort is needed in order to avoid additional water restrictions.

What steps has the City taken to reduce municipal water use?
¿Qué medidas ha tomado la Ciudad para reducir el uso de agua municipal?

- Closure of Waneka Lake Boathouse. This saves a significant amount of water typically needed to fill the lake at the beginning of the season and throughout the summer.
- Delayed the spring startup of irrigation in all parks, City facilities, and streetscapes. Athletic fields and the golf course were the exception due to requirements for high traffic, public use.
- Irrigation volume at City facilities and in all City parks has been reduced.
- A project to replace median plantings with xeriscape landscaping will begin this fall on South Boulder Road from Centaur Village Drive west to Ceres Drive.
- Use of high-tech evapotranspiration systems to scientifically manage individual park irrigation needs for frequency, volume, and need.

City of Lafayette

QUALITY OF LIFE

New wastewater treatment plant improvements are going vertical

Plans were approved in 2022 to construct wastewater treatment plant improvements to enhance the capabilities of the existing facility originally built in the 1960s. Advanced technology and upgrades to the existing facility will enable the City to meet newly imposed Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) treatment standards. The expansion is located at the existing facility north of Highway 7 at E. County Line Road and includes biological treatment, multiple settling basins, and advanced filtration. The project is scheduled to continue through 2025.



Celebrate migratory birds on Sept. 18

Explore the wonderful world of birds in a beautiful place! See live birds of prey up close and learn about migration, marshes, and the role avian friends play in our lives. Enjoy educational activities, displays, art projects, and a scavenger hunt. Waneka Park east parking lot from 1-3pm.



If you can't make this event, join Lafayette Open Space the first Sunday of every month from 1-3pm at Greenlee Wildlife Preserve for a free bird watching excursion led by local naturalists. Learn more about these programs at lafayetteco.gov/BirdCity.

October is Fire Prevention Month

In a fire, mere seconds can mean the difference between a safe escape and a tragedy. Make sure your home is protected and you and your loved ones are prepared.

- Install smoke alarms inside and outside every sleeping area and on every level of your home.
- Test all smoke alarms by pushing the test button. No or low sound means it's time to replace batteries.
- A "chirping" smoke alarm needs a new battery.
- Create and practice a home fire escape plan with your family.
- If your alarm sounds, get out and stay out. Call 9-1-1 from your outside meeting place.

Thomas Open Space farm store now open

Take advantage of the seasonal harvest and stock up on organic veggies and flowers! Red Wagon Farm was awarded the farm lease at Thomas Open Space in February and has now opened up their farm store. Visit them Thursdays through Sundays and for special You-Pick Day events on Saturdays with a reservation. Learn more about this open space property located at 1640 West Baseline Road and Red Wagon Farm at lafayetteco.gov/ThomasFarm.

Beauprez Barn receives State recognition

The Open Space Division received a Gold Seal Recognition Letter from Representative Barnett in appreciation for efforts to preserve Lafayette's agricultural roots and for

prioritizing activities to ensure this history lives on through the Beauprez Barn. View a video tour of the barn at lafayetteco.gov/BeauprezBarn.

Lafayette values our rich agricultural history which is also apparent at the Waneka Centennial Farm Open Space.

Learn more about this recently acquired 136-acre property at lafayetteco.gov/WanekaFarm.



Calendar of events

🕒 Denotes reoccurring events * Registration required

■ Dia de los Muertos Exhibit 🕒

Sept. 27-Nov. 8 — Collective Community Arts Center, 201 N. Public Rd.

■ Lafayette Birds! 🕒

First Sundays — 1-3pm, Greenlee Wildlife Preserve

■ Social Emotional Circle Time 🕒

Mondays — 10:30-11am, Lafayette Public Library

■ Wellness Tuesdays with Mental Health Partners 🕒

First Tuesdays of the month — 2-4pm, Lafayette Public Library

■ World Migratory Bird Day Celebration

Sept. 18 — 1-3pm, Greenlee Wildlife Preserve

■ Native Grass Talk - CSU Extension

Sept. 21 — 2-3pm, Lafayette Senior Center

■ Pop-Up Storytime

Sept. 27 & Oct. 25 — 10:30am, Lafayette Econ-O-Wash, 410 E. Simpson St.

■ Tree Walk at Waneka Lake

Sept. 28 — 9:30-11am, Lafayette Senior Center

■ Recounting 9/11 - A Front Row View

Sept. 28 — noon-1pm, Lafayette Senior Center

■ Resource Fair

Sept. 30 — 9am-1pm, Lafayette Senior Center

■ Eco-Tober

Oct. 2 — noon-4pm, Centaurus High School, 10300 E. S. Boulder Rd.

■ History of Lafayette guided bus tour

Oct. 6 — 1-3pm, Lafayette Senior Center

■ 100 Years of Fire Prevention

Oct. 11 — 2-3pm, Lafayette Senior Center

■ See & Respond Art Exhibition and Art on the Street Reception

Oct. 15 — 6-9pm, Lafayette Public Library

■ Fall Fest

Oct. 22 — 6-8pm, Bob Burger Recreation Center

■ Motus Theater Boundless Truth Performance

Oct. 22 — 7pm, The Arts Hub, 420 Courtney Way

■ Hidden Stories along Coal Creek

Oct. 23 — 10am-2:30pm, Coal Creek Public Road Trailhead

■ Drug Take Back & Document Shred Event

Oct. 29 — 10am-2pm, Walmart Parking Lot

■ Lafayette Fall Harvest Festival

Oct. 29 — 10am-4pm, Harrison Ave. between Geneseo and Simpson

Please check the City calendar for updates. For info about these and other events, visit lafayetteco.gov/Events.